

which observations may be made. But here, just outside the tropics, where there are no regular seasons, how can one possibly tell what is going

The problem, however, has not been given up as hopeless. Mr. Wragge has inaugurated a practically new system of travelling observing stations all over the world. Not a steamer or ship which enters any Australian port but bears from Brisbane. The captain receives a printed circular, politely requesting him to record during his voyage, even if he travel to the remotest ends of the earth, the readings of barometer and

thermometer, state of wind and sea, &c. All this is set out on a properly printed ruled form, leaving the officer nothing to do but to fill in the appropriate figures.

This scheme has worked wonderfully well, and Mr. Wragge is quite enthusiastic about it. "It is astounding," he says, "the amount of information that can be obtained in this way. They make the observations with the greatest willingness, and the returns come back to me in numbers. There's a roomful of them in there."

It is difficult at first to understand the value of this system of collecting and tabulating the weather of the world, but once the method is fully explained, its utility is obvious. It is the only way of obtaining the facts on which we have to govern the meteorology of this southern land. For instance, let a cyclone occur at Mauritius. Its course, as soon as information arrives, is mapped out on a chart, and the date and time at which the same time is noted, and as observations arrive from ship captains they are marked down, until at last the whole of the Indian Ocean is covered with a record of the course of the cyclone, and low pressure defined, and, in fact, the whole of the causes which led to a cyclone at this particular spot indicated. If a country, however, has no ships, or if the ships which have long since passed out of existence, but Mr. Wragge knows, by following the course in the case of every atmospheric disturbance, to what part of the world it has originated, and by analogy to reason backwards. Thus, if the atmospheric conditions in and about Australia were just before a great storm, it is but a matter of time before the storm comes, and sometimes reappear a storm identical to the previous one will come along. Only one has to be very sure of one's ground before one can predict in this way, and even Mr. Wragge does not look so very sure.

It is, however, sad to succeed: his enthusiasm is genuine. "The other meteorologists in Australia," he says, "are all amateurs, but they are astronomers first and meteorologists afterwards. For myself, I make meteorology my one object of professional study."

as a platform than anything else. I want to see a proper system of weather observation inaugurated for the whole of Australia, so that all records may be reliable and all predictions sent out from our central office."

"That is simply another argument in favour of federation."

"In order to be successful, the scheme can only be carried through by the co-operation of all the colonies. We would then have some 300 observing stations in Australia under our control, and some could be placed in the Central Calcutta Forest, India, China, and other foreign parts, and we should soon be far advanced on the path of investigation, with the hope, at no distant date, of being able to give reliable warnings of Australian meteorology."

POLICE.

Mr. James Gills, D.S.M., presided in the Charge Division, and Mr. George O'Malley Clarke, S.M., presided in the Police Court. The trial began yesterday. John White was sentenced to three months imprisonment for the offence of being drunk after having assaulted George McLean by striking him on the back of the neck without provocation. Mr. James Gills, D.S.M., presided in the trial at the Charge Division on an charge of having assaulted Thomas Tinsley, who was saving at 22. The evidence tended to show that Tinsley had been drinking and was drunk at the corner of Pitt and King streets, and after a conversation with him they walked in the direction of the corner of Pitt and King streets, where the accused and his companions assaulted Tinsley, and he was injured. Tinsley was made off. Bail was allowed. Ernest Bell, 22, a grocer, and William Bennett, 17, a labourer, were charged with the offence of robbing a man and robbing Margaret Ross.

Mr. W. Johnson, D.S.M., presided in the Charge Division and Mr. George O'Malley Clarke, S.M., presided in the Police Court. A coloured

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ing supply a certain individual as seaman for the ship. It will be remembered that the Supreme Court has since affirmed the appeal, and the defendant on this of Mr. Benjamin Smith. The Court then found that the defendant had been guilty of perjury, and ordered the respondent to pay the costs of the appeal. Abiding by the decision, Mr. Smith then applied to the Supreme Court for a writ of habeas corpus with \$25 as costs against the prosecutor. The Court refused on pending the motion at the Supreme Court.

DISOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

SIR,—The letter of Mr. W. M. Slattery which you kindly-to-day would not call for any notice from me, and I have no objection to its being published in the "Infinite space" as may appear "to use his own words."

In the first place, I used no language at the Protestant Hall which could be construed into "upsetting the Government." I was only expressing my opinion. Truly, I studiously guarded myself from touching upon any subject which might have been considered in the matter. Mr. Slattery was the guest of the party of my short address as chairman of the meeting, and I was not permitted to say anything. My remarks were confined to stating the object of the meeting, and to expressing my sympathy with the people in the last resort to advise the Government to exercise the prerogative to dissolve Parliament.

It is not surprising that Mr. Slattery should fail to distinguish between the case of Lord Belmore and the case of the Ministers in 1872, and the case of the disgraced colonial Ministers in 1880, and Lord Jersey's discredited Ministers in 1880. It is not surprising that he should have forgotten the fact that the Government of the day were dissolved and Parliament was dissolved, and that the Government of the day was clearly against a time when the Government of the day was in power. Lord Jersey declines to act on the appeal of the Ministers, and I am sure that the Government of the day there appears to be an equal concurrence of

evidence that the country is not in their favour, and
 after the Prime Minister has admitted to Parliament
 that he and his colleagues had considered their position,
 and had decided not to resign, but "to go on."
 There can be no analogy between the two cases of
 circumstances. No person can complain that the
 Government has decided to dissolve Parliament, for
 I think it must be generally regretted that the
 Executive has given its reasons for declining.
 The Constitution Act provides that the Legislative
 Assembly may be dissolved by the Governor of the
 colony. Why was that provision inserted, if it
 will hardly be contended that the intent was that it
 should be an instrument virtually in the hands of the
 Minister for the time being, and never to be exer-
 cised except on his advice. This would be maintaining
 the Government in a position of weakness, and not
 better for the liberties of the people that it should be
 exiled from the Constitution altogether. For, under
 any such construction, there would be great scope
 to the imagination to picture a time when the
 Government would be reduced to a minority, and
 govern the country by the support of a corrupt
 majority, in defiance of the suffrages and to the serious
 detriment of the whole nation, until the next
 termination of Parliament. The prerogative of
 the Governor is not to be exercised at the will of
 His Majesty's representative, or it is a mockery.

February 20, 1866. I am, &c. **HENRY PARKES.**

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BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received notice from the TRUSTEES of a deed of bargain and sale by public auction, at their rooms, 113 W. First-st., at 11.30 o'clock, on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1894.**

The above-described property is situated in the town of **WINDYBUSH**, and is described as follows:

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